



4TH DISTRICT COUNTY SUPERVISOR

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## Fall-Winter 2015 Newsletter

*Proudly Representing Milwaukee's Near South Side And Bay View Neighborhoods*

### Dear Neighbors,

This past year the County Board has worked incredibly hard to push for programs and initiatives that move our county forward. While there have been challenges, we have managed to pass some incredible legislation that uplifts our communities and those most in need.

We made some bold moves to do away with the trickle down funding philosophy within our Park system. **In doing so, I authored the legislation that appropriated \$5 million in funding to make much-needed improvements throughout our County Parks.** A significant portion of those new funds will go to popular parks in our neighborhood, including **Pulaski, Humboldt and South Shore.** More details are in this newsletter.

The Board also made some historic leaps to improve our quality of life by supporting a few of **my legislative proposals**, including the **Growing Opportunities (GO) Transit Pass** and the **Sowing, Empowering and Eliminating Food Deserts (S.E.E.D.) Program.** I am incredibly proud of these initiatives as they help to improve the lives of our most vulnerable populations.

While winter will be soon approaching, I urge you all to get out and get to know your communities better. As highlighted in this newsletter there are so many neighborhood organizations and events to get involved in!

I truly enjoy the opportunity to represent you and look forward to continuing to do so. I hope that you will take the time to complete the survey included and let your voice be heard. I wish you and your family a great holiday season and I look forward to seeing you out in the community.

Sincerely,

*Marina D.*

Marina Dimitrijevic  
Milwaukee County Supervisor  
District 4

### Pulaski Indoor Pool Now Open, Improved!



*Supervisor Dimitrijevic has fought to keep Pulaski Indoor Pool open and now improved for all to enjoy.*

### Join us for Pulaski Pool Community Free Day!

**Wednesday, December 2, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Behind the scenes tours will be offered from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Water exercise, zumba and raffle tickets for a 12-day pool pass will be available to all attendees. More details can be found online at:  
**[www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com)**



**Please take the District 4 Survey about important issues facing Milwaukee County residents:**  
**<http://milcodistrict4.nationbuilder.com/survey>**

### GET IN TOUCH WITH SUPERVISOR DIMITRIJEVIC

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## INVESTING IN OUR PARKS

### New South Shore Terrace Now Open!

This past summer we celebrated the ongoing partnership between Milwaukee County, MillerCoors and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences to revitalize South Shore Park. In August, we cut the ribbon to open the new South Shore Terrace, an expanded public concession area run by our Milwaukee County Parks. A space that was once the historic home to the changing area for the vibrant South Shore Beach is now a public place for all to enjoy the view of beautiful Lake Michigan.



Supervisor Dimitrijevic and County Parks officials meet with hundreds of neighbors to discuss the millions of dollars of investment in South Shore to reopen the beach and improve the park.

For more information on the park improvement project, go to: [county.milwaukee.gov/SouthShoreParkSchematicDesignProject](http://county.milwaukee.gov/SouthShoreParkSchematicDesignProject)

*"Millions have been invested in South Shore Park during my time as a County Supervisor, and the renaissance in Bay View will be enjoyed by generations to come."*



Marina joined with county and state officials to cut the ribbon to open the new South Shore Terrace. **Turning blight to right – the former changing rooms are now a vibrant, public place for all to enjoy!**

As a neighbor and longtime member of the Friends of South Shore Park, I couldn't be happier about the improvements we have made to a true Bay View asset, our park. Together we have **repaired parts of the break wall, restored the shoreline, enhanced the bike trail, installed public art, improved the pavilion, accepted \$500,000 from MillerCoors to clean up the beach,** and have a plan with over \$1.5 million to upgrade the parking lot in order to reduce runoff and improve water quality.

### Pulaski Park Pavilion to Reopen in 2016!

Supervisor Dimitrijevic heard from and met with nearby neighbors who expressed great interest in reopening the shuttered Pulaski Park Pavilion that has been closed for years. Marina met with the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center, MMSD, the KK River Neighbors in Action, and Milwaukee County Parks staff to find a solution.

**Marina authored a budget amendment for \$130,000 to repair and re-open the pavilion in 2016 for our growing neighborhood to enjoy.**

*"Community groups are working hard to improve our near Southside neighborhood and this is exactly the positive step forward we need to continue this momentum. I'm happy the County is continuing to invest in Pulaski Park."*



### Marina's Legislation Delivers \$5 Million to Revitalize Our County Parks

The County Board has adopted legislation which invests millions back into the Parks system. Of the \$5 million appropriated, more than \$500,000 will fund system-wide upgrades to restrooms, parking lots and park structures county-wide.

**Approximately \$300,000 will go directly to the Bay View Neighborhood in efforts to continue building upon the work taking place to revitalize South Shore Park.** The South Shore Pavilion will also benefit from badly needed repairs such as tuck-

pointing, window upgrades and painting. Supervisor Dimitrijevic hopes that renovations will work to expand public access to one of our lakefront gems.

Likewise, **Humboldt Park Pavilion will receive \$100,000** for masonry, plumbing, and painting from this positive work of the County Board. Supervisors anticipate that the infusion of these funds will inject new life into these public spaces to be enjoyed for generations to come.



## IMPROVING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

### MCTS GO Pass is Available Now

The Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) free Growing Opportunities transit pass, known as the GO Pass, is now available for eligible seniors and persons with disabilities. Over 15,000 residents of Milwaukee County have received a GO Pass demonstrating that this program is a success!



*"I have made expanding public transit service and access for all a priority since being elected. I believe that a healthy, vibrant public transit system improves our environment and is the key to an economically sustainable future."*  
—Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic



County Supervisors take a ride on two new job-access bus routes in Oak Creek and Brown Deer. Marina is a frequent bus rider and believes that public transportation should be affordable and accessible to all as it is good for the environment and helps grow our County.

Application for the GO Pass are still being accepted on an ongoing basis. Qualifying individuals can apply for the GO Pass Administration Building (1942 N. 17th St.) or online by visiting <http://www.ridemcts.com/fares-passes/go-pass>. You can also call MCTS at (414) 343-1700.

### Dimitrijevic's S.E.E.D. Project Brings Fresh Produce to Underserved Areas

Earlier this year Milwaukee County adopted the Sowing, Empowering and Eliminating Deserts of Food (S.E.E.D.) program in efforts to work toward eradicating food deserts throughout Milwaukee County. I introduced the S.E.E.D. program after seeing how underserved many of Milwaukee's most vulnerable populations are. By a vote of 14 to 4, Supervisors overrode the County Executive's veto and committed themselves to ensuring everyone has access to fresh fruit and vegetables.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food deserts as "urban neighborhoods and rural towns without ready access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food. Instead of supermarkets and grocery stores, these communities may have no food access or are served only by fast food restaurants and convenience stores that offer few healthy, affordable food options."



Marina and Will Allen, President of Growing Power, tour the urban greenhouses and discuss how her SEED legislation will provide him land to grow urban fruit orchards.

#### The Mobile Meal Market is coming to an area near you!

**When:** December 9, 2015 from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Beulah Brinton Center - 2555 S. Bay St.

Contact [mobilemarket@hungertaskforce.org](mailto:mobilemarket@hungertaskforce.org) for more information.



Marina was joined by Supervisor Jason Haas, Supervisor Peggy Romo West and Hunger Task Force Executive Director Sherrie Tussler, on a tour of the Fresh Mobile Market which will visit a neighborhood near you soon so that everyone has access to fresh, healthy produce.

- Provide 10 acres of county surplus land to Growing Power in order to plant **urban orchards** where over **4,000 fruit trees** will grow.

- Partner with UW-Extension to establish **eight new community gardens** in addition to the 11 currently managed throughout Milwaukee County.

- Allocate funding to the Hunger Task Force to operate **Milwaukee's first Mobile Fresh Market**, which will travel around the county focusing on senior meal sites and providing access to fresh produce for all.





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## Get Involved With Southgate Neighbors



Marina has worked closely with the leaders of the Southgate Neighborhood Association. For more information about the Southgate Neighborhood Association or to get involved, email [southgate53215@gmail.com](mailto:southgate53215@gmail.com).

## Marina in the Community



Marina and her family look forward to walking in the Humboldt Park 4th of July Parade each year.



Marina reads to students at ALBA Elementary school in District 4 on National Reading Day with Dr. Seuss. Marina is reading one of her favorites, *Green Eggs and Ham*, in Spanish!



Milwaukee Art Museum Director Dan Keegan shows Marina the results of the historic compromise the County Board approved between the War Memorial and Art Museum. The new galleries open in November.



Marina welcomes students back to school on their first day at Doerfler School in District 4 with Principal Quindel and State Representative JoCasta Zamarripa. Marina is a proud graduate and supporter of Milwaukee Public Schools.



Marina and community leaders from MICA, WISDOM and Project Return gather after signing a letter to President Obama to Ban the Box. Ban the box is a campaign which aims to eliminate employment limitations faced by those with non-violent criminal records.



Marina giving opening remarks at the 2015 Sustainability Summit.